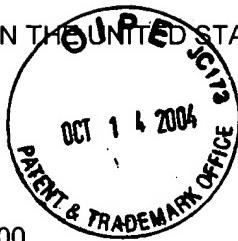


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- Amendment
- Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)
- 3 Replacement Sheets and 3 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (Drawings)
- Return Postcard

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	3	-	3	***	0	LG=\$88 SM=\$44	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145	\$0
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